



## SAMPLE MATERIAL

### Graphic Organizer for Teaching Vocabulary With Visuals

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**Topic:** How to Organize Your Teaching

**Practice:** Abstract-Concrete Connections

Bonny Bowen created this graphic organizer to incorporate more nonlinguistic representations of vocabulary words into her instruction. She shares her corresponding visuals with students and creates a meaningful context for understanding and recalling the terms. Throughout the lesson, students may use her visuals or create their own meaningful graphics.

| Geoterm/Picture         | Student Definition | Teacher Definition | Reminds Me Of:  |
|-------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---|
| Ecosystem               |                    |                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li><li>•</li></ul> |
| Land Use Conflict       |                    |                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li><li>•</li></ul> |
| Biodiversity            |                    |                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li><li>•</li></ul> |
| Sustainable Development |                    |                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li><li>•</li></ul> |
| Tropical Rainforest     |                    |                    | <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>•</li><li>•</li></ul> |